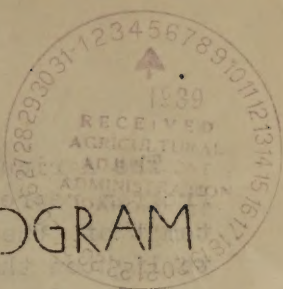


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FARM PROGRAM

In
Bear Lake County



A statement from
the Bear Lake County
Agricultural Conser-
vation Association

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The Agricultural Conservation Program represents the major attempt of the Federal Government to lighten the economic pressure upon the farmer sufficiently to enable him to make prudent use of his land.

In Bear Lake County, as in all other counties in Idaho, the program is planned, administered, and adapted to the various communities by the farmers themselves through their community and county committees.

A community conservation committee of three farmers elected by the farmers of the community is the nucleus of the local program. It helps to adapt the national Program to local needs. The county committee elected by the community committeemen serves a similar function in the county.

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Bear Lake County's agricultural adjustment program is "of, by and for Bear Lake County farmers."

Your county and community committeemen adapt the national and state Farm Program to the types of agriculture which prevail in our own county. They keep individual soil-building and soil-depleting acreage goals in line with the best use of Bear Lake County farmers' land and the ultimate good of the nation as a whole.

AAA at Work in BEAR LAKE County

In Bear Lake County there are 550 farmers who are participating in the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program. By staying within the bounds of their allotments and by carrying out certain approved soil-building practices--such as planting alfalfa--these farmers can earn substantial payments.

Payments, however, are not "gifts" or "bonuses" to farmers. They do double duty -- first to repay the farmer for the sacrifices he makes in taking part of his land out of production of "cash" crops, second to help him stand the expense of soil-conservation measures which he carries out to preserve agricultural resources.

Another feature of the program provides for Federal Crop Insurance. The insurance rate is reasonable and guarantees to the farmer at least 75% of a normal yield under any adverse circumstances. About thirty Crop Insurance policies have been taken out since the beginning of this Program in the County and many other farmers are becoming interested.

"PRICE-ADJUSTMENT PAYMENTS", designed by Congress to raise the income of producers of major crops closer to price levels paid by farmers, are progressing steadily in Bear Lake County. To date, 70 applications have been approved, totalling more than \$4,500.

THE WHEAT LOAN PROGRAM met with the approval of the farmers in Bear Lake County who participated in it in 1938. Forty farmers borrowed on their farm stored wheat. A total of fifty loans were made on approximately 70,000 bushels of wheat. The 1939 Wheat Loan Program is now under way.

THE RANGE CONSERVATION PROGRAM is also growing in popularity. Under this program operators may receive payments for protecting and reseeding the natural ranges and for improving watering places, preventing erosion, and controlling noxious weeds and pests, thereby protecting and improving the livestock industry of the County. More than one hundred operators are participating in this part of the Program.

Your Bear Lake County

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